

House Resolution 620

By: Representatives Mangham of the 94th, Smyre of the 132nd, Collins of the 95th, Johnson of the 75th, Mosby of the 90th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Bishop Eddie L. Long; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Bishop Eddie L. Long was honored with a Head of State Commendation from
3 the President of the Republic of Kenya, Mwai Kibaki, on March 1, 2009; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Bishop Long serves as Senior Pastor of New Birth Missionary Baptist Church
5 of Lithonia, Georgia, and received the highest civilian honor given by the Kenyan President
6 for his commitment to service in Kenya; and
- 7 WHEREAS, a native of North Carolina, Bishop Long earned a bachelor's degree in business
8 administration from North Carolina Central University, a Master of Divinity degree from
9 Atlanta's Interdenominational Theological Society, and a doctorate in pastoral ministry from
10 the International College of Excellence in Tampa, Florida; and
- 11 WHEREAS, a man of leadership and compassion, Bishop Long actively serves his
12 community through his work with the Morehouse School of Religion Board of Directors, the
13 Board of Visitors for Emory University, the North Carolina Central University Board of
14 Trustees, the Young Life Board of Trustees, the Fort Valley State University Board of
15 Trustees, the Safehouse Outreach Ministries Board of Directors, and 100 Black Men of
16 America; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Bishop Long has also proven himself to be devoted to uplifting and aiding the
18 people of Kenya and the State of Georgia is honored to have such a philanthropic and
19 hard-working individual as one of its citizens.
- 20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body commend Bishop Eddie L. Long for his outstanding humanitarian
22 efforts and congratulate him upon his recognition as Head of State for the Republic of Kenya.

- 23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Bishop Eddie L. Long.